

**Missouri State Library**

# **LSTA State FY2025 Project Plan**

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**LSTA Grant Projects – Funding from Federal FY 2024  
(To be spent in State FY2025 – July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025)**

***Note, all budget figures are estimates and subject to change based on actual contract quotes and grant applications received and awarded.***

**LSTA Statewide Projects**

**Missouri State Library Goal 1: Building and Sustaining Information Resources**

**LSTA Priority 1: Expand Services for Learning and Access to Information**

**LSTA Priority 2: Establish or Enhance Electronic Access to Library and Information Services**

**Show Me the World Courier Service  
Proposed Budget: \$520,107**

**CONTINUING**

The State Library will continue to support a two-day per week courier service for tax-supported public libraries which meet transaction benchmarks to make the service fiscally sound. Providing state funding for the courier service improves turn-around time for interlibrary loan (ILL) requests, streamlines and improves library staff workflows, increases the number of loans and requests, lowers the cost for each ILL transaction and helps to equalize access to resources for medium-size and small libraries. In FY2023, 1,093,188 items were exchanged among libraries in the state.

The State Library may also provide one additional day of courier service per week for libraries that show the potential to benefit from an additional day of service based on current use.

**Show Me the World Integrated Library System Consortium  
Proposed Budget: \$172,137**

**CONTINUING**

This project continues support for the Missouri Evergreen consortium for the purposes of acquiring and implementing a shared integrated library system (ILS). This system improves discovery and sharing of library resources and provides a low-cost alternative to systems owned and managed individually by libraries. There are currently 65 public libraries in Missouri Evergreen, with a total collection size eclipsing four million items. The consortium recruits primarily from public libraries, but could potentially include school and special libraries as well. This is the twelfth successive award to provide funding for ILS hosting and support to the consortium. In SFY22 MOSL began funding migrations to Missouri Evergreen through a direct grant to the library, rather than through this project.

**Show Me the World Interlibrary Loan  
Proposed Budget: \$388,553**

**CONTINUING**

This program facilitates resource sharing by public libraries in Missouri and beyond, giving the ability for library staff and patrons to search a 3 billion record database of library materials. The State Library uses LSTA funds to pay for licenses for public libraries to use OCLC's FirstSearch and WorldShare Discovery services, and the cost for public libraries to use OCLC's interlibrary loan service. In FY23, patrons from 89 libraries requested 69,663 items for their users and loaned 64,841 items through this service. Within the total above is included an estimated \$8,000 to add a cataloging subscription & WebDewey for the Missouri Evergreen Consortium, which would be new for this fiscal year.

**Statewide Digitization Project  
Proposed Budget: \$36,000**

**CONTINUING**

This project provides basic support and guidance for the Missouri Digital Heritage (MDH) portal based in the Office of the Secretary of State/Missouri State Library. The number of items accessible through MDH CONTENTdm will likely pass 9 million items during SFY2025. In addition, MDH includes collections hosted at other institutions and resources from the Missouri State Archives. Students, researchers, the general public, county and local governments, public, academic and school libraries and local historical societies use these resources to explore the richness of Missouri's history and culture. The Missouri State Archives is a primary

project partner, which contributes its own collections. Emphasis will continue to be placed on multi-partner projects on topics of statewide interest.

The State Library, as part of the Missouri Hub of the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA), will continue to monitor opportunities for ingests into the DPLA platform.

Statewide digitization project expenses will include the Missouri Digital Heritage database hosted service and a federated search product that acts as a web portal to all Missouri Digital Heritage collections, and may also support promotional and training efforts.

**Websites for Small Libraries**  
**Proposed Budget: \$31,060**

**CONTINUING**

A public library website is fundamental to a library's information resources and is a required component of Administrative Rule 15 CSR 30-200.015 Library Certification Requirement for the Protection of Minors. The goal of this project is to create a website template which public libraries with no or poor quality websites can use to provide or improve 24/7 access to the library catalog and other electronic resources, and information about library resources, services, and programs. The majority of the funding for this project covers the website platform fee. Up to 12 new libraries will be added in SFY25. Since the inception of the project, 43 library websites have been created.

**Missouri State Library Goal 2: Targeting Library and Information Services**

**LSTA Priority 5: Supporting an Educated and Informed Citizenry**  
**LSTA Priority 6: Serving the Underserved**

**STEM Kits**  
**Proposed Budget: \$19,500**

**CONTINUING**

The Missouri State Library will create and circulate STEM kits to school and public libraries, in order to provide easy, hands-on learning opportunities. Proposed kits for SFY2025 are intended to expand the interest range, with two kits focused on middle school and high school aged patrons. Items are planned to expand the current cardboard engineering kit and Braille Enhanced StoryWalk® titles. Kit proposals: • KittenBot Meowbit – a card-sized graphical, retro game computer which users code with Microsoft MakeCode, a free online learn-to-code platform; Code.org micro:bit kit – micro:bit is a compact programmable board with built in LED display, buttons, tilt sensor, speaker, and radio. Users learn coding while creating; MakeyMakey circuit kits and expanded tool kits will be added to the cardboard engineering kit. These additions will allow greater exploration for users in creating; and five additional titles will be added to the Braille Enhanced StoryWalk® kits. The STEM kit program has proven successful and will continue as a core project that is expanded and maintained in future years, keeping an eye towards changes and advances in technology and STEM supplies.

**Children's Literature Enhancement Tool**  
**Proposed Budget: \$235,817**

**CONTINUING**

TeachingBooks will be used by librarians, school librarians, teachers, parents and students statewide, giving all readers insights and opportunities that deepen their understanding and joy of the books they are reading. In SFY2024 the Missouri Collection Analysis Initiative was added. This year-long continuing education opportunity will equip, train, and empower participants to routinely examine the children and young adult books within their collection as well as those being considered/added to the collection. A dedicated, full-time Project Coordinator, supported by Nick Glass, Founder and Head, Managers of Business Development and Implementation and Education Support, Web Technology and Design Team, and the Implementation and Training Specialists.

**Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library**  
**Proposed Budget: \$392,777**

**CONTINUING**

Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library provides services for persons who have print disabilities whether physical or organic. Services include circulation of materials in digital audio, digital and physical braille, and

physical large print. Wolfner also offers reader advisory assistance, an early literacy program for young children, summer reading programs for children, teens, and adults, an adult winter reading program, adult book clubs, virtual author visits, programs and more. There are currently 7,358 number of individual and 1,224 active institutions that are using Wolfner Library, with an annual circulation of 709,675. Library staff will continue to expand their outreach efforts to increase the number of users, with a target growth of 5% individual and institution members and a target growth of 7% increase in circulation for FY24. Wolfner staff will continue to upload locally recorded materials to BARD, so that they are more easily accessible to all National Library Service users; and continue their relationship with healthcare, public libraries and school professionals that are potential certifying agents for Wolfner Library Services.

### **Missouri State Library Goal 3: Strengthening the Library Workforce**

#### **LSTA Priority 3: Provide Training and Professional Development for the Library Workforce and Leadership**

##### **Library Staff and Administration Skills Training Proposed Budget: \$86,069**

**CONTINUING**

Library skills trainings are designed to deliver instruction on basic and advanced levels. Basic skills training will predominantly be available to paraprofessional library staff through the Alternative Basic Library Education (ABLE) and Library Learning Online (LLO) resources produced by the Idaho Commission for Libraries. However, basic topics pertaining specifically to Missouri issues may be held via multi-day intensive training sessions, webinars or single day regional workshops and be led by Library Development staff.

Potential topics for advanced skills trainings include Homeless Training Institute (\$12,069), Professional Development Collection (\$6,000), and Niche Academy (38,000). Other topics may also be presented, but are expected to make use of existing or new partnerships and are not expected to incur a cost. Trainings may be held via regional workshops, webinars, or webcasts and/or through the provision of resources.

##### **Children and Youth Services Training Proposed Budget: \$14,000**

**CONTINUING**

Youth Services webinars, webcasts and workshops will help public library staff develop or improve skills needed to implement or expand programs in their libraries to address the service needs of the children and youth in their communities. Topics for SFY2025 will include: STEM; Summer Library Programming; TeachingBooks tools and features; Missouri Collection Analysis Initiative; Family Literacy/Early Literacy; Sensory Storytimes; School Librarian Basics (or similar); Teen Services Specific skillset; Rebecca Antill – Food Education Consulting (former public librarian and former Youth Services Consultant for the South Carolina State Library); and Using and Teaching AI responsibly and effectively.

### **Missouri State Library: Overarching Programs**

##### **Library Development Proposed Budget: \$27,500**

**CONTINUING**

The Missouri State Library provides information and assistance to libraries on expanding services for learning and access to information and educational resources, on using technologies to expand electronic networks and provide electronic and other linkages among all types of libraries, on developing public and private partnerships, and on providing library services for persons meeting the LSTA criteria for targeted assistance. In addition to consultant services, staff manages statewide projects, prepares publications, and offers statistical support. Additionally, this project includes funding for the online grant management system.

##### **Statewide Projects**

**CONTINUING**

Missouri State Library administered projects, contracts or subgrants to promote standards and best practices and to encourage and support networking, collaboration and resource sharing among Missouri's libraries. Projects must meet goals and objectives of the Missouri State Library LSTA Program Five-Year Plan for Years 2023-2027. Applications are available on an inquiry or invitation basis as funds allow.

## Competitive Grants

### Missouri State Library Goal 1: Building and Sustaining Information Resources

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##### **Digital Imaging Grants**

**CONTINUING**

**Proposed Budget: \$87,126**

This grant provides funding for scanning, cataloging and Web delivery of significant historical and cultural materials in Missouri and in Missouri history. Grants are restricted to projects involving original source materials. Priorities include importance of the collection including demonstration of patron demand; institutions doing their first project; demonstration projects that document best practices; projects involving underserved partners; and institutions adding metadata to existing digital collections. High priority is given to multi-partner projects on topics of statewide interest including newspaper digitization, which is overseen by the State Historical Society of Missouri.

##### **Library Automation Grants**

**CONTINUING**

**Proposed Budget: \$175,000**

Funding to facilitate automation of libraries that do not have an online catalog and for migration from one system to the next for libraries improving online access to collections. Priority will be given to libraries migrating to Missouri Evergreen. Anticipated costs include new technology or software, barcoding supplies, staff support, and other migration- or automation-related expenses.

##### **Technology Ladder Grants**

**CONTINUING**

**Proposed Budget: \$245,270**

This grant program helps public libraries improve their computer security, network performance, and provide reasonable computer resources to their patrons. Proposals were due in March 2023 for projects beginning April 2023.

##### **Technology Mini-Grant Grants**

**CONTINUING**

**Proposed Budget: \$320,000**

This grant is open to qualified public libraries needing to replace, upgrade or add new equipment or software. Projects should be of short duration including compilation of adequate evaluation measures. Proposals will be due in October 2023 for projects beginning December 2023.

### Missouri State Library Goal 2: Targeting Library and Information Services

#### LSTA Priority 5: Supporting an Educated and Informed Citizenry

#### LSTA Priority 6: Serving the Underserved

##### **Educational Presenter Grant**

**CONTINUING**

**Proposed Budget: \$45,000**

This grant provides funds to bring an author presentation or an educational presentation to the community. Collaboration between local school and public libraries is strongly encouraged. Grant funds may be used for author fees, publicity and promotional items, collection development materials, additional staff hours to implement the project, and costs to transport youth from school, day camp or a licensed childcare agency. Projects that include collaboration between local, academic, school and/or public libraries will be given high priority. The MOBIUS Conference Grant will move to this category for SFY25.

**Spotlight on Literacy Grants**  
**Proposed Budget: \$121,245**

**CONTINUING**

This grant program offers Missouri public libraries, academic libraries, and secondary or post-secondary school libraries the opportunity to serve patrons of all ages through programs that support an educated and informed citizenry. Programs must address a single target audience and literacy area, such as early literacy, digital literacy, STEM literacy, health literacy, financial literacy, civic literacy, cultural literacy, career literacy, etc. Collaborative efforts to better serve low-literacy populations are strongly encouraged. Applications were due in January 2024 for projects beginning April 2024.

**Summer Library Program Grants**  
**Proposed Budget: \$340,000**

**CONTINUING**

Summer Library Program grants provide libraries with additional funds to expand opportunities for people of all ages to improve their reading skills, enrich summer learning experiences, and enhance opportunities for libraries to reach underserved summer populations. Applications will likely be due by December 1, 2024 for projects beginning February 2025.

**High School Equivalency Support**  
**Proposed Budget: \$45,000**

**CONTINUING**

The Missouri State Library will partner with Missouri's Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (MO DESE) to promote their MOlearns free high school equivalency (HSE) program and encourage public libraries to support this effort as they are able. Additionally, the Missouri State Library will investigate, obtain and promote an online platform that helps individuals attain their HSE certification with support from their local public library in order to offer individuals seeking HSE certification to have multiple paths available, increase public library staff confidence and knowledge about HSE programs and resources, and enable public library staff to implement programs at the local level to help individuals obtain their HSE certification.

**Missouri State Library Goal 3: Strengthening the Library Workforce**

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**Show-Me Steps to Continuing Education**  
**Proposed Budget: \$20,000**

**CONTINUING**

These grants provide financial assistance for Missouri library personnel and public library trustees to participate in continuing education and training opportunities, with some match of funds by local institutions. Trainings can be for individuals or groups. Applications are accepted throughout the year.

**Missouri State Library: Overarching Sub-Grant Programs**

**Other**

As funds allow, the State Library may also develop other competitive sub-grant programs to address timely library service needs that meet LSTA priorities and Missouri State Library goals, and are in accord with Missouri's LSTA FY2023-2027 Plan.

PROGRAM	BUDGETS	PROJECT BREAKOUT
<b>BASIC TECHNOLOGY AND ONLINE RESOURCES</b>	<b>\$565,270.00</b>	
Technology Ladder Grants		\$245,270.00
Technology Mini-Grant Grants		\$320,000.00
<b>CONTINUING EDUCATION</b>	<b>\$165,069.00</b>	
Homeless Training Institute		\$12,069.00
Library Staff and Administration Skills Training		\$30,000.00
Professional Development Collection		\$6,000.00
High School Equivalency Support		\$45,000.00
Children and Youth Services Training		\$14,000.00
Show Me Steps to Career Development		\$20,000.00
Niche Academy		\$38,000.00
<b>LIBRARY PROGRAMS</b>	<b>\$45,000.00</b>	
Educational Presenter Grant		\$45,000.00
<b>LITERACY AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE</b>	<b>\$716,562.00</b>	
Spotlight on Literacy Grants		\$121,245.00
Summer Library Program Grants		\$340,000.00
Children's Literature Enhancement Tool		\$235,817.00
STEM Kits		\$19,500.00
<b>STATEWIDE DIGITIZATION</b>	<b>\$123,126.00</b>	
Digital Imaging Grants		\$87,126.00
Missouri Digital Heritage		\$36,000.00
<b>SHOW-ME THE WORLD</b>	<b>\$1,286,857.00</b>	
Courier Service		\$520,107.00
Integrated Library System Consortium (Evergreen)		\$172,137.00
Library Automation Grants		\$175,000.00
Statewide Show Me the World (OCLC)		\$388,553.00
Library Websites (PLOUD)		\$31,060.00
<b>WOLFNER LIBRARY SERVICES</b>	<b>\$392,777.00</b>	
P/S Facilities		\$348,777.00
E/E		\$44,000.00
<b>LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>\$27,500.00</b>	
LSTA Administration including Sec Council and Grant Management System		\$9,500.00
LD staff and resource development, including Clippings		\$12,000.00
LD Operation Support-Telecommunications, printing, mail, tech support		\$6,000.00

OTHER	\$16,306.00	
TOTAL		\$ 3,338,467.00